

Variety Heart Talent Scholarships

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Introduction

Variety believes all children deserve a fair go and should have the chance to follow their dreams and fulfil their potential. A Variety Heart Scholarship is designed to support children with a demonstrated talent and who are living with a disability, chronic illness, or financial hardship, to reach the next stage of development.

Arts Scholarships

Arts scholarships support talent in areas such as, but not limited to:

Visual Arts including ceramics, drawing, painting, photography, filmmaking and game design/ coding

Performing Arts including dance, music and theatre

Literary Arts including fiction, drama, poetry and prose

Sports Scholarships

Sports scholarships support talent in areas such as, but not limited to:

Physical sports including ball sports, athletics, cycling, gymnastics, swimming and martial arts

Motor sports including cars, bikes and boats

Animal assisted including equestrian and canine

Mind sports including board games, card games and e-sports

Jack Eadon Equestrian Scholarship

The Jack Eadon Equestrian Variety Heart Scholarship is designed to help fund the costs of competing in equestrian events, including the funding of equipment, training, and travel.

This scholarship recognises and honours the success, talent, and impact of Jack Eadon in the equestrian community. As well as his equestrian achievements, Jack was known for his generosity and described as a true gentleman and a role model to riders of all ages.

Variety Heart Scholarships are proudly presented by the Grahame Mapp Family Foundation in honour of the late Gillian Mapp.

The Jack Eadon Equestrian Variety Heart Scholarship is proudly presented by MPR Wired Solutions.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in Victoria.

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- Applicants must be aged 8 to 17 years.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated talent which has developed over time and can be identified by the child's achievements and verified in a written recommendation.
- Children with talent who are experiencing financial disadvantage, OR
- Children living with a Disability or Chronic Illness

Variety Heart Talent Scholarship Grants

1. Arts Scholarship – up to the value of \$5000. The Arts Scholarship can fund items relating to the talent such as training/coaching/classes/lessons, entry/competition fees, registration costs, equipment, uniforms, airfares (for the child only, to and from appropriate events related to the scholarship e.g., competition), accommodation (e.g., basic/standard hotel room for the child and parent/carer to attend competition)
2. Sport Scholarship – up to the value of \$5,000. The Sports Scholarship can fund items relating to the talent such as training/coaching/classes/lessons, entry/competition fees, registration costs, equipment, uniforms, airfares (for the child only, to and from appropriate events related to the scholarship e.g., competition), accommodation (e.g., basic/standard hotel room for the child and parent/carer to attend competition)
3. Jack Eadon Equestrian Scholarship – value of \$5,000. The Jack Eadon Equestrian Scholarship is designed to help fund the costs of competing in equestrian events, including the funding of equipment, training, and travel.

Scholarship EXCLUSIONS

- Ongoing funding repairs/maintenance of equipment.
- Insurance or warranty costs.
- Retrospective funding or reimbursement of any money spent prior to the scholarship being approved.
- Public/private/tertiary school fees/tuition.
- Therapies, medical, health costs.
- Items or services not directly related to this child/scholarship.

Variety Heart Talent Scholarship Terms

1. Only one (1) Variety Scholarship of any type may be held by a child in any 12-month period.
2. Successive education grants are not guaranteed for previous recipients.

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3. If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next round.
4. Approved scholarships may be allocated partial or full funding at the discretion of the variety Grants Committee.
5. Scholarships are valid for the advertised calendar year. All allocated funds must be spent within that period. Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded.
6. No money is provided directly to the child or family. All invoices should be directed to "Variety the Childrens Charity of Victoria". Variety will make a direct payment to suppliers upon receipt of the invoice.
7. Invoice payments can take up to two (2) weeks.
8. A scholarship report must be submitted within two months of completion of the scholarship (forms will be provided).

Required Supporting Documents

The following attachments must be included as part of the application.

Professional Recommendations

All Professional Recommendation letters must be on letterhead and be no older than 3 months old. Please follow the instructions closely, as this letter is key to a successful application. Applications submitted without or with an incomplete support letter will be declined.

1. Recommendation from a Related Professional

A Related Professional person is directly related to the child's talent such as a dance or music teacher, a coach, a teacher or a sporting organisation.

The letter must be on a letterhead and signed and dated (no older than 3 months) and address the following points:

- Who the person writing the letter is and what role they have in the child's life.
- Explain the child's demonstrated talent and highlight any achievements such as medals or awards the child has won, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.
- Explain how receiving the Scholarship will assist the child to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.

2. Recommendation by the student's GP/Paediatrician/Medical Specialist

This is only required if you are applying under the category of living with a Disability or Chronic Illness.

The letter must be on letterhead and signed by the child's GP/paediatrician/Medical Specialist,

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on letterhead and confirm the child's diagnosis or disability.

Proof of Household Income

We need to verify the total gross household income for your family. This means the total income for a single parent/carer, or the total income for both parents (if living in the same property and/or financially responsible for the young person) before any tax is deducted. It does not include superannuation.

If parents are separated and one is still contributing to the child's needs (but living outside the household), financial information for both parents is required.

It is important that you provide the correct information as we are unable to consider applications with insufficient financial evidence.

For each parent/carer who is financially responsible for the child provide one of the following documents.

1. If employed, then a copy of your most recent payslip

If parent/carer is not receiving Centrelink benefits and is employed (full time, part time or casual) provide your most recent payslip showing annual income, OR

2. If self-employed, then a copy your most recent Tax Return

If parent/carer is not receiving Centrelink benefits and is self-employed provide your most recent tax return, OR

3. If the parent/carer is receiving Centrelink

If the parent/carer is receiving Centrelink benefits provide your most recent Centrelink Income Statement (see [Appendix 1](#)). Your Carer Payment, Job Seeker Payment or annual PAYG Centrelink Statement will not be accepted.

If you are unsure how to obtain your Centrelink Income Statement online from MyGov, please click [here](#) for instructions.

If you are unsure how to obtain your Centrelink Income Statement from the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app click [here](#) for instructions.

Assessment Process

1. Each application is assessed by the Kids Support team to confirm eligibility.
2. Eligible submissions are shortlisted and assessed by the Variety Grants Committee at the next scheduled meeting.
3. The Variety Kids Support Committee provides recommendations to the Variety Board.
4. The Variety Board reviews and ratifies the Committee recommendations.

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5. The primary contact for each application is emailed the outcome.

Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Committee and Variety Victoria.

Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in the following round.

Any unused and/or unspent funds will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant.

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APPENDIX 1

Example of Centrelink Income Statement

Locked Bag 7834 Canberra Bc, ACT 2610

Approved

Reference: 000 000 000B

Mr Jo Blogg
21 Cardiff Rd
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Applicant name: Rob Bloggs
Application number: APLO002146
Relationship: Legal Guardian (Aunt)

Australian Government
Services Australia
centrelink

Your statement must show your full name, or name and address (or indicates your relationship to the person whose name and address is listed).

19 July 2021

This Income Statement shows information we hold about you on your Centrelink record. If you decide to show this information to anyone else for any reason, you can choose to show all the information or to block some information out.

Income Statement

DOB	28 May 2001
Customer Partnered	N
Maximum Rate Youth Allowance	Y
Number of Children Assessed	0

Previous regular entitlements and payments

Payment Type	Amount	Date Paid	Date of Grant
Youth Allowance	\$347.79	13 Jul 2021	12 Jul 2020
Energy Supplement	\$4.60	13 Jul 2021	12 Jul 2020
GST Component	\$6.81	13 Jul 2021	12 Jul 2020

Previous irregular payments

There are no previous irregular payments to report.

Screenshot for Centrelink

Screenshot not accepted

Download of payment history from your Services Australia account

View Payment History

The payment amount/date for Future Payments may change if there is a change in your circumstances, or in legislation.

Next payment
\$91.90
Care Allowance
Due on 28 October 2021

Payment history from your Services Australia account cannot be accepted.

Last payment
\$91.90
Care Allowance
Delivered on 18 October 2021

Payment transaction history not accepted.

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Payment Type	Date	Amount
Care Allowance	01 October 2021	\$91.90
Care Allowance	17 September 2021	\$91.90
Care Allowance	03 September 2021	\$91.90
Care Allowance	20 August 2021	\$91.90
Care Allowance	06 August 2021	\$131.90

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